

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-5 have been amended as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A disk recording or reproducing apparatus including, on a chassis [(1)], a pickup [(2)], which is moved while emitting a laser beam onto a signal surface of a disk [(7)], and a pair of guide shafts ~~(4) and (40)~~ for guiding the movement of the pickup [(2)], one guide shaft [(4)] being fitted to the pickup [(2)] with a fewer play than the other guide shaft [(40)], the disk recording or reproducing apparatus characterized in that:

both ends of the guide shaft [(4)] fitted to the pickup [(2)] with a fewer play are supported by support members ~~(5) and (50)~~ mounted on the chassis [(1)], ~~respectively~~; and further, a cutout [(52)], into which the guide shaft [(4)] can be inserted, is formed on a side of at least one support member [(50)]; and

a pressing member [(9)] including an abutting piece [(90)] is provided for preventing the guide shaft [(4)] from slipping off from the cutout [(52)] in the vicinity of the support member [(50)] having the cutout [(52)] formed thereat on the chassis [(1)].

Claim 2 (currently amended): A disk recording or reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the abutting piece [(90)] in the pressing member [(9)] is formed by bending a mount plate [(93)] mounted on the chassis [(1)], the abutting piece [(90)] abutting against the guide

shaft [(4)] at an end surface [(90a)] thereof.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A disk recording or reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the guide shaft [(4)] is elevatably supported by the support member [(50)], and further, an adjusting mechanism is provided, on the chassis [(1)], for inclining the pickup [(2)] and the guide shaft [(4)] with respect to the signal surface of the disk [(7)].

Claim 4 (currently amended): A disk recording or reproducing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the adjusting mechanism includes an adjusting screw [(48)] screwed onto the chassis [(1)] and a torsion spring [(8)] provided, on the chassis [(1)], for urging the guide shaft [(4)] toward the adjusting screw [(48)].

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method of fixing a pickup in a disk recording or reproducing apparatus including, on a chassis [(1)], a pickup [(2)], which is moved while emitting a laser beam onto a signal surface of a disk [(7)], and a pair of guide shafts ~~(4) and (40)~~ for guiding the movement of the pickup [(2)], the guide shaft [(4)] serving as a main shaft being fitted to the pickup [(2)] with a fewer play than the guide shaft [(40)] serving as an auxiliary shaft, wherein on the chassis [(1)] are provided a support member [(50)], which has a cutout [(52)] on a side thereof, and to which the guide shaft [(4)] serving as the main shaft is fitted at the end thereof, and a pressing member [(9)] for preventing the guide shaft [(4)] from slipping off from the support

member [(50)] in contact with the end of the guide shaft [(4)], the method comprising the steps of:

fixing the guide shaft [(40)] serving as the auxiliary shaft to the chassis [(1)];

fitting the pickup [(2)] to the guide shaft [(40)] serving as the auxiliary shaft;

swinging the pickup [(2)] within a plane parallel to the chassis [(1)], to thus fit the guide shaft [(4)] serving as the main shaft to the pickup [(2)];

fitting the guide shaft [(4)] serving as the main shaft to the support member [(50)] through the cutout [(52)] formed on the side of the support member [(50)]; and

fixing the pressing member [(9)] to the chassis [(1)].